THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI): (a) to (c) The information regarding TADA cases pertaining to State Government is not centrally maintained in the Ministry of Home Affairs. In this connection, it may be stated that State Governments have been asked to comply with the orders of the Supreme Court dated 27.2.1996 in respect of categorization of TADA under trials for the purpose of grant of bail.

Prior information about July, 2008, bomb blasts

†309. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government Intelligence agencies had prior information of the bomb blasts that took place in July, 2008;

(b) if not, whether due to failure of Government intelligence agencies, such large act of terrorism could be carried out;

(c) if so, whether Government failed to check these blasts even after the warnings given by Indian Intelligence agencies; and

(d) the details of the measures being taken by Government to strengthen the intelligence system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) There was no prior information regarding bomb blasts that took place in Bangalore on 25.07.2008, Ahmedabad on 26.07.2008.

(b) and (c) The Central and State Intelligence agencies are working in close coordination by way of regular sharing and exchange of information, and operational coordination with reference to specific cases that may occur. Focused efforts are also being made to ensure close coordination between the intelligence and counter terrorism agencies of different States. As a result of these efforts, a large number of terrorist modules have been busted and possible terrorist incidents averted.

(d) A number of steps have been taken to strengthen and upgrade the capabilities of intelligence agencies both at the Central level and the State level, as well as to enhance information sharing and operational coordination between the Central agencies and the State governments. Towards this end several measures have been taken to augment the strength of the Intelligence Bureau, with the aim of strengthening its field level presence and the mechanisms for sharing of intelligence with the States and other user agencies, training facilities, etc.

Further, an executive order has been issued on 31.12.2008 under which Multi-Agency Centre (MAC), under the Intelligence Bureau (IB), has been obliged to share intelligence with all other agencies, including agencies of the State Governments, Union Territories. Likewise, all other agencies have been obliged to share intelligence with MAC. MAC has also been made operational on a 24 X 7 basis. Besides, work has been taken up to create a dedicated national

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

intelligence grid/network, for on line and real time exchange of information between different agencies as well as between Government of India and the State Governments.

Lending services of CISF to private parties

310. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to lend the services of Central Industrial Security Force to private parties on deputation basis;

(b) if so, the terms and conditions of deputation to private parties and the percentage of the force that would be lent at a particular time; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to recruit the additional personnel required to augment the force during the year 2009-10?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) The Central Industrial Security Force (Amendment) Ordinance, 2009 authorizes the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) to provide security to private and joint sector industrial undertakings.

(b) There are already well laid down procedures, terms and conditions for deployment of the CISF in various undertakings. These would appropriately be reviewed in the context of deployment in private sector and joint sector units as may be necessary. It is not possible to indicate the percentage of Force that may be deployed in private sector and joint sector units.

(c) As a part of the ongoing process of recruitment, it is proposed to recruit around 10,000 personnel during 2009-10.

Plan to beef up coastal security following Mumbai attack

311. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has chalked out any plan to beef up coastal security following the Mumbai terror attacks which resulted in the killing of hundred innocent persons; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when those proposals are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In view of the recent Mumbai incidents, to strengthen coastal security of the country, series of measures have been started. Several meetings were held in Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways and Ministry of Agriculture to review, upgrade and strengthen the coastal security of the country. The following major decisions/initiatives have been taken by the Government:

- The task of guarding the Indian coastline right from the shoreline (High Tide Line) has been entrusted to the Coast Guard. However, the responsibility of overall maritime security rests with the Indian Navy.